Enclosing of leaflet containing the indication and contra-indication of the Medicines

2377. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, it is mandatory to enclose a leaflet given the indications and the contra-indications in the pack containing the medicines;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there are a number of drug manufacturing companies which do not provide such leaflets; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules do not contain a specific provision requiring manufacture to include a package insert in the Packages on medicines marketed by them containing information on indications and adverce effects.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Harmful effects of indiscriminate use of Aspirin

2378. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news which appeared in the 'News Times' Hyderabad on 25th November, 1985 under the heading 'Indiscriminate use of aspirin is dangerous;

(b) whether it is a fact that public purchases aspirin for various types of aches without medical prescriptions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the manufacturers do not provide any cautionary note alongwith the medicines containing aspirin for the information of public;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(e) whether Government are aware about the dangerous effects of the indiscriminate use of aspirin;

(f) if so, what are the details and the remedial steps taken by Government;

(g) whether Government have received any reports on the adverse effects on indiscriminate use of aspirin in this direction; and

(h) if so, the details and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a Statutory Body, considered that Aspirin in normal conditions can be used by the people and the prescriptions for its retail sale is not necessary. It is not mandatory to give a cautionary note alongwith the containers of the drug Asprin.

(e) and (g) No dangerous effects reported with the use of Aspirin have come to our notice.

(f) and (h) Do not arise.

Alleged misuse of Power by Air India Officials Posted Abroad

2379. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officials of Air India while serving abroad, entered into deals with some organisations against the interests of Air India and subsequently joined them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against them and to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Surface Transport Policy

2380. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new surface transport policy, if so, what are the details thereof: and

(b) by when the new surface transport policy is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Surface Transport consists of activities relating to shiping, road, road transport, port and inland water transport. Hence no one common policy has been formulated to cover all these sectors.

There is at present no proposal before Government to evolve a new Policy on shipping in the country, However, Planning Commission have constituted Planning Groups on Shipping and Ports under the Chairmanship of the Chairman Shipping Corporation of India and Secretary, Surface Transport respectively in connection with the formulation of a long term perspective plan for Transport Sector on an integrated basis. The main task of the Planning Group will be to prepare a long term plan for shipping for overseas as well as coastal trade based upon sound technical and economic considerations in the time perspective of year 2000 AD.

To examine the existing legal framework governing the administration of the major ports in the country, their operations including cargo handling financial and adminisrative systems and need for integrated and coordinated planning and development Major Ports Administrative Reforms Committee has been set up in January, 1984. The Committee has submitted its interim report in October, 1985 which is under consideration. The Committee's final report is awaited.

To meet the modern day requirements and also keeping in view consideration of Road safety and pollution control, comprehensive amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act is already under consideration. Proposals include liberalisation of permit system, allocation of multiplicity of permits for goods vehicles elimination of cumbersome procedures, revision of all India tourist permit scheme, simplified system for compensation in accident cases etc.

To facilitate smooth movement of growing inter-state roads traffic on the recommendations of the Transport Development Council, quota system in national permits has, recently, been abolished.

Inland Water Transport Authority Act as already been enacted and action is being initiated for setting up of the Inland Water Transport Authority. Action has also been initiated for the implementation of Pilot Project on Allahabad-Patna stretch of the National Waterway No. 1.

Ticketless travel by the delegates to the Congress Centenary Celebrations

2381. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Congress (I) delegates who came to attend the Congress Centenary Celebrations at Bombay travelled ticketless on their way back from Bombay as reported in a section of the press; and